

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career and education planning; amending
3 s. 1003.4156, F.S.; revising the general requirements for
4 middle grades promotion to require that a course in career
5 and education planning must include career exploration
6 aligned to the National Career Clusters; deleting an
7 obsolete provision; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
12 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades
14 promotion.—

15 (1) Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2006-
16 2007 school year, promotion from a school composed of middle
17 grades 6, 7, and 8 requires that:

18 (a) The student must successfully complete academic
19 courses as follows:

20 1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These
21 courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical
22 text.

23 2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics.
24 Each middle school must offer at least one high school level
25 mathematics course for which students may earn high school
26 credit.

27 3. Three middle school or higher courses in social
28 studies, one semester of which must include the study of state

29 and federal government and civics education.

30 4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.

31 5. One course in career and education planning to be
 32 completed in 7th or 8th grade. The course may be taught by any
 33 member of the instructional staff; must include career
 34 exploration aligned to the National Career Clusters supported by
 35 Florida's Career Clusters Initiative; must include career
 36 exploration using CHOICES ~~for the 21st Century~~ or a comparable
 37 cost-effective program; must include educational planning using
 38 the online student advising system known as Florida Academic
 39 Counseling and Tracking for Students at the Internet website
 40 FACTS.org; and shall result in the completion of a personalized
 41 academic and career plan.

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 43 Each school must hold a parent meeting either in the evening or
 44 on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and
 45 activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal
 46 education plan that must be signed by the student; the student's
 47 instructor, guidance counselor, or academic advisor; and the
 48 student's parent. ~~By January 1, 2007, the Department of~~
 49 ~~Education shall develop course frameworks and professional~~
 50 ~~development materials for the career exploration and education~~
 51 ~~planning course.~~ The course may be implemented as a stand-alone
 52 course or integrated into another course or courses. The
 53 Commissioner of Education shall collect longitudinal high school
 54 course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze
 55 course-taking patterns.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.